



IRC SOLENT CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Notice of Series

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The three participating Clubs listed in paragraph 3 are the organising authorities for their respective events within the IRC Solent Championship.
- 1.2. Each Club will issue a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for its event.
- 1.3. The overall Championship is organised by a committee made up from representatives of each constituent Club, and SIRCOA, email: lois_sailing@hotmail.com
- 1.4. IRC Rating Office www.ircrating.org

RULES

- 2.1 The Championships will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and Class Rules when specified by a Host Club.
- 2.2 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply (for advertising).
Also IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on Crew Weight.
Boats shall submit a copy of their IRC Certificate, when requested by the Host Club before the closing date for entry to their event.
- 2.3 Competitors are expected to follow the RYA Charter.

3. HOST EVENTS

3.1 Saturday 25 April 2026

IRC Event 1 ~ Christchurch Bay Race. Island Sailing Club ***incorporating the IRC Solent Championship.***

Racing from ISC line to Christchurch Bay and back.

Entry through the Island Sailing Club: [INSHORE RACE SERIES, CHRISTCHURCH BAY/ INSHORE RACE/ NAB TOWER RACE 2025 : Island Sailing Club.](#)

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, P031 7RE.

Email: ben@islandsc.org.uk

Telephone: 01983 296621.

3.2 Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 June 2026

IRC Event 2 - Royal Southern Yacht Club Mid-Summer Regatta, ***incorporating the IRC Solent Championship.***

Racing in the central Solent. Saturday evening social.

The IRC Solent Championship is incorporated in the June Regatta.

Entry for the event is directly through the Royal Southern YC: [Royal Southern Yacht Club](#)
Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, S031 4HB.

Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk

Telephone: 023 8045 0302.

3.3 Saturday and Sunday 24-26 July 2026

IRC Event 3 - Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2025 - Royal Solent Yacht Club, ***incorporating the IRC Solent Championship.***

Racing in the Western Solent. Socials on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The IRC Solent Championship is incorporated in the Taittinger Regatta.

Enter the event directly through the Royal Solent Yacht Club: [2025 TR Main](#)

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, P041 ONS.

Email: sailing@royalsolent.org

Telephone: 01983 760256.

3.4 Saturday 13th September

IRC Event 4 – Nab Tower Race. Island Sailing Club, ***incorporating the IRC Solent Championship.***

Racing around the Nab Tower

Entry through the Island Sailing Club website: [INSHORE RACE SERIES, CHRISTCHURCH BAY/ INSHORE RACE/ NAB TOWER RACE 2025 : Island Sailing Club.](#)

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, P031 7RE.

Email: ben@islandsc.org.uk

Website: [Home - Island Sailing Club](#)

Telephone: 01983 296621.

4. ELIGIBILITY and CLASSES

4.1. The IRC Solent Championship is open to boats with a valid 2025 IRC certificate and an IRC TCC between 0.750 and 1.490, split into four IRC classes.

4.2. At their sole discretion, the Host Clubs may allocate a boat with a TCF close to a rating band break to the adjacent class in order to keep boats of the same design class together.

4.3. All boats taking part in the Championships shall comply with World Sailing ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. Although individual Club events may permit boats that do not comply in all respects to take part in those events, such boats will not be eligible for the Championship.

4.4. Each Club running a day of racing for the IRC Solent Championship reserves the right to amalgamate starts as required.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Entries must be made on-line via each host Club's individual website, and the entry fees paid direct to the host Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host Club.

6. SCORING

6.1. Any eligible boat entering an IRC class with one of the participating Clubs for a Series day will automatically be entered into the IRC Solent Championship.

6.2. Boats may be split into multiple IRC classes for Championship scoring at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Such classes are for Championship scoring only and may not match class splits at individual regattas.

6.3. For the purposes of scoring for the IRC Solent Championship, RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as below.

6.4. The Championship will each consist of two weekend and two single Saturday events, i.e. six days of racing. The format will be determined by each Club's NOR. The results from the scheduled 6 days racing will count toward the Overall Championship.

6.5. Events will be scored according to the NOR for each individual event.

6.6. A competitor may discard one event.

6.7. A boat entered in the IRC Solent Championship but which did not come to the starting area for any of the races in an event shall receive a score of 50 points for that day.

6.8. To calculate an overall ranking for the IRC Solent Championship, the Series scores for each class will be amalgamated. The overall ranking shall be calculated from the amalgamated scores as above except that in the case of a place tie, this will be broken in favour of the boat which has beaten the highest number of competitors on the water.

6.9. If, during the Series, a boat changes her rating such that she changes class, previously scored points will not be transferred to her new class. A boat has to enter two events to be eligible for the prizes.

7. RESULTS, PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

7.1. Daily results will be produced by the Host Club running the racing, which may award prizes or trophies for that day. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions for that event.

7.2. The Championship results and reports will be displayed on the following link:
[IRC Solent Championship](#)

7.3. There will be overall Series trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class and an overall Championship prize.

7.4. Other prizes may be awarded.

7.5. The IRC Solent Champion will be selected with scoring as described in paragraph 6 above, and will hold the overall trophy for the top boat in the Championship.

7.6. The IRC Solent Championship Prize Giving will be at 1800 on Saturday 11th October 2025 at the Island Sailing Club.

8. Risk Statement.

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with at least £5million (five million pounds) for each incident, against third party claims.

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Series.

Note to competitors

Social events are planned at each event on the Saturday after racing. Details will be publicised on the Host Club websites and documents.